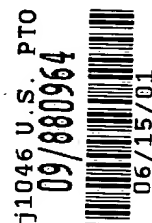


**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
UTILITY PATENT
APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Washington, D.C. 20231



Sir:

Enclosed for filing is the utility patent application of Kenji MASAKI, Hirotomoto ISHII and Chiho KAWAKAMI for APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR IMAGE PROCESSING AND PRINT SYSTEM.

- ☐ Applicant(s) hereby request(s) that the above-captioned application **NOT BE PUBLISHED** under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.
- ☐ Applicant(s) suggest(s) Figure _ for inclusion on the front page of the patent application publication and patent.

Also enclosed are:

- ☒ 9 sheet(s) of ☒ formal ☐ informal drawing(s);
- ☒ a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 is ☐ hereby made to _ filed in _ on _;
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- ☒ An ☐ executed ☒ unexecuted declaration of the inventor(s)
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- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.



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	No. Of CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee					\$710.00 (101)
Total Claims	15	MINUS 20 =	0	× \$18.00 (103) =	0
Independent Claims	4	MINUS 3 =	1	× \$80.00 (102) =	80.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$270.00 (104)					
Total Application Fee					790.00
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TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE					790.00

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Sir:

The benefit of the filing date of the following prior foreign application in the following foreign country is hereby requested, and the right of priority provided in 35 U.S.C. § 119 is hereby claimed:

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In support of this claim, enclosed is a certified copy of said prior foreign application. Said prior foreign application was referred to in the oath or declaration. Acknowledgment of receipt of the certified copy is requested.

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